

MORETONHAMPSTEAD HISTORY SOCIETY PROGRAMME 2022

WINTER/SPRING PROGRAMME

We have organised for our talks until the summer to be delivered by Zoom in view of the continuing uncertainty about COVID. However, if there is a significant improvement in the meantime we can revert to live talks as all our speakers are Devon based.

We are hoping to have a live event in May (see below) in the Parish Hall to raise money for the upkeep of the archives provided that we are confident it can go ahead with no health risks.

Wednesday January 19th: '*The buildings of Exeter; urban & suburban architecture in an ancient English city*' by Richard Parker. Richard is well known for his closely researched reconstruction drawings of historic townscapes & buildings.

Wednesday February 16th: '*Devon in the 1920s*' by Dr Julia Neville. Julia is the research leader for an ongoing project by Devon History Society, Devon Family History Society, South West Heritage Trust & The Box (Plymouth) to explore life in Devon in the 1920s. MHS contributed material from its archives & a member was part of the team of volunteer researchers.

Wednesday March 16th: '*Prostitution in Victorian North Devon*' by Peter Christie. A generally light-hearted look at an unexpected facet of North Devon's history.

Wednesday April 20th: '*Hiding in the Chancery cupboard; the trials & tribulations of an C18th wife*' by Sue Swalwell. Sue specialises in the use of records from the English Court of Chancery for local history & will share with us some of their enlightening stories.

Tuesday April 26th: '*Archaeological tour of Haytor*' with Dr Phil Newman, a leading Dartmoor archaeologist.

Friday May 6th: '*Songs of Dartmoor*' presented by Jim Causley & Bill Murray. This is a fund-raising event for Moreton Archives with entry by paid ticket. Details will be given nearer the time.

Wednesday May 18th: '*Grave-robbing & body-snatching in Devon*' by Dr Peter Selley. Peter is a retired Devon GP who now researches local medical history & its heritage.

SUMMER PROGRAMME

We have organised the following to be held in compliance with any current COVID rules & guidelines.

June: '*Guided tour of Topsham.*' Date & details to be confirmed.

June: '*South Tawton Church & Church House*' by Dr Sue Andrew. A guided tour with one of Devon's leading church historians. Date & details to be confirmed.

Friday July 15th: '*Guided tour of Bideford*' by Peter Christie. Peter has been Mayor of Bideford twice & has an in-depth knowledge of its history & heritage. Details given out nearer the time.

Wednesday August 10th: '*Tour of Great Fulford Manor House*' by Francis Fulford. Francis is the 23rd Fulford to have owned & inhabited the house.

AUTUMN PROGRAMME

We will revert to live talks provided that we are confident they can go ahead with no health risks.

Wednesday September 21st: '*Using the chief rents of Moretonhampstead to map the town in the C17th*' by Dr Ian Mortimer. Ian's presidential talk will share with us his amazing research on a problematic source to uncover the C17th expansion of our town & the social context of its houses.

Wednesday October 19th: '*The Newton Abbot to Moretonhampstead Railway Line*' by Mike Lang. Mike is a trustee of Bovey Tracey Heritage Centre based in the former station there & co-author of the most authoritative book on our local railway history & its heritage.

Wednesday November 16th: Short AGM followed by '*Plymouth in 1620*' by Martin Read. Martin is currently Chair of Plymouth Archaeology Society & has been an historic advisor to the Virtual Mayflower 1620 Team for the 400th anniversary of that event.

December: Xmas Event TBC.

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